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Olympic torch back in B.C. this afternoon

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RELAY The Olympic torch returns to B.C. today when Lions head coach Wally Buono carries it in across the Alberta border at the Kicking Horse Pass at 3:31 p.m.

Massive crowds followed the torch during its journey throughout Canada, headlined recently by crowds in excess of 20,000 people in Calgary.

The torch arrives in downtown Vancouver on Feb. 11 with the final torchbearer to light the Olympic cauldron yet to be named.

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A Vancouver Olympic Organizing Committee staff member walks past the 2010 Winter Olympic aerial and mogul venue on Cypress Mountain on Jan. 13. Bare spots can be seen to the left as Games organizers struggle with a shortage of snow. More coverage, pg 13

Operation Cypress begins

Snowcats, choppers, trucks to move snow to the mountain

VANCOUVER 2010 Games

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Games organizers said they will have to use tractors and helicopters to move snow to Olympic runs on Cypress Mountain.

Warm weather brought rain instead of the white stuff to the Olympic venue and with 22 days to go before the Olympics there's little snow in the forecast.

"We are actually planning that we will not have snow, and that the temperatures may not be agreeable with making snow," said Cathy Priestner Allinger, VANOC executive vice-president of sport and games operations.

VANOC announced the news yesterday afternoon after its final board of directors meeting before the Games.

Kent Rideout, spokesman for Cypress Mountain, said that it snowed a little at the summit, but it hasn't been cold enough to make snow further down the mountain.

As a precaution, VANOC had already started saving snow in piles covered by tarps in higher altitudes. The mountain's alpine area was also closed to recreational use on Jan. 12 in an effort to save snow.

Crews will use snowcats, helicopters and trucks to move the saved snow to the Olympic runs as well as some from Black Mountain, which is across from the event runs.

> **"We believe there is enough snow on the mountain, that's the good news, our job is to move it."**
> VANOC's Cathy Priestner Allinger

"We believe there is enough snow on the mountain, that's the good news, our job is to move it," Allinger said. "We are building some pieces ... We are using wood and straw basically to take the place of snow where we need it."

According to VANOC CEO John Furlong, people should take comfort in the fact that only one of six venues is currently incomplete and rest assured that Cypress Mountain will be ready.

"Our view is we will reconcile this, and we will deliver the venues," said Furlong.

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Whistler set for auction block Feb. 19

VANCOUVER 2010 Games

INTRAWEST Lenders have moved to auction off the assets of Intrawest ULC, including the Whistler ski resort that will be home to the Olympic downhill races.

Intrawest said it will be "business as usual," despite the possibility Whistler could be on the auction block even as the world's athletes grace its slopes.

And Olympic organizers said they're confident that the Games will go on.

Dan Doyle, executive vice-president of construction for VANOC, said the venues in Whistler are ready.

"It doesn't make very good business sense for people to put them out of business at the time of the year when they're making their most earnings," Doyle said.

A public notice has been posted in newspapers by the company's lenders saying that an auction to sell the assets will be held on Feb. 19, right in the midst of the Olympics, which begin Feb. 12.

Vancouver-based Intrawest, which is owned by private equity firm Fortress Investment Group LLC, reportedly missed payments last month that were due on a $1.4-billion US loan.

The group of lenders, which includes Lehman Brothers and Davidson Kempner, hope for a speedy sale of Intrawest in one transaction. Calls to Intrawest were not returned.

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Container Inukshuk to be unveiled

A six-storey Inukshuk made from nine shipping containers will be unveiled in Richmond tomorrow. Each container, left, weighs 5,000 to 10,000 pounds and will be re-used after the Games. METRO VANCOUVER

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4-vehicle crash kills man, closes bridge

TRAFFIC One man died in a four-vehicle crash on the Alex Fraser Bridge yesterday afternoon.

The incident backed up traffic and closed down the bridge. Officials said northbound lanes wouldn't reopen until crews determined that the fire did not damage the integrity of the bridge.

Around 1:20 p.m., a car travelling northbound struck a stalled car, flipping over and striking a third vehicle. A flatbed truck and trailer driving northbound also struck the third vehicle, causing both to burst into flames and killing the lone occupant of the struck vehicle.

Drivers of the flatbed and stalled vehicle were taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The occupant of the flipped car escaped without injury. METRO VANCOUVER

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A MKII SkyTrain model is unveiled at VCC/Clark SkyTrain station yesterday to celebrate the delivery of the last of 48 new SkyTrains.

Last SkyTrains arrive

Cars to ramp up service in time for Olympics

VANCOUVER 2010 **Games**

The last of 48 new SkyTrains hit the tracks in Vancouver yesterday in time to begin service for the 2010 Games.

The new Bombardier MKII cars, the first of which went into service about a year ago, will boost service on the Expo and Millennium lines by 30 per cent, increasing the system's hourly capacity to 15,000 people, up from 11,000.

"These cars will be a crucial element to delivering an exciting Olympic Games," said Doug Kelsey, CEO of the B.C. Rapid Transit Company. "It will be business unusual ... It's going to challenge all of us to be our very best."

VANOC has said they need a 30 per cent reduction in vehicle traffic during the Olympics.

Downtown, some streets will become pedestrian-only while others will be closed for security reasons. There will also be parking restrictions throughout the city and dedicated Olympic lines on major routes.

During the Games, the number of daily passengers on SkyTrain will increase to more than one million, up from 750,000.

The wait at some stations will be more than an hour.

SkyTrain will begin ramping up service Feb. 10 and run "event-level service" from Feb. 12 to 28. During peak times, they will run four-car sets every 108 seconds. JEFF HODSON/ METRO VANCOUVER

Cost

- The 48 new MKII cars cost $184 million.

Crime rate still high despite drop: Top officer

STATS Vancouver's crime rate dropped by more than six per cent in 2009, but still remains considerably higher than other major Canadian centres, the city's police chief said yesterday.

Chief Const. Jim Chu said Vancouver's crime rate is still 50 to 60 per cent higher than in Montreal or Toronto, mainly due to the high amount of property crime in the city. Two-thirds of all Criminal Code offences in Vancouver are property crimes.

"We have addicted criminal offenders who support their drug addiction by committing property crimes," Chu said.

According to the statistics released yesterday, property crime in general declined 8.9 per cent. Break and entry went down 19.3 per cent and stolen vehicles dropped 17.8 per cent.

Chu credited the drop in property crime to tougher sentencing and working through the community court to get repeat chronic offenders into drug-treatment programs.

The department's "Con Air" program has transported almost 50 people back for crimes committed in other jurisdictions. JEFF HODSON/METRO VANCOUVER

Declines

- Homicide fell 5.6 per cent in 2009.
- Fatal motor-vehicle crashes fell 21.1 per cent.
- Sexual offences fell 19.5 per cent.

News in brief

DEATH A 27-year-old man is dead after being hit by a car while jogging across St. George Street near East King Edward Avenue. The victim was hit on Tuesday, and police are asking any witnesses to come forward.

TRAINING The City of Vancouver is offering residents free earthquake emergency-preparedness sessions on Jan. 26 and Feb. 3 at Dunbar and Sunset community centres, respectively. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Harlem Globetrotters bounce into town in April
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Girl sexually assaulted

A 16-year-old Vancouver girl was sexually assaulted after getting into a stranger's pickup truck on the Trans Canada Highway, RCMP said yesterday.

The girl accepted the ride after failing to hail down a bus around 10 p.m. Monday. The driver of the truck later pulled over to the side of the road. He then sexually assaulted the girl before throwing her and her belongings out of the vehicle, police said.

Police are asking for assistance in identifying the suspect. METRO VANCOUVER

Description

- He is described as 20-30 years old, with brown hair and brown eyes, driving a late-model blue or black work truck with an extended cab and large wheels.

Province to lay off 233 workers

CUTS The B.C. government is laying off 233 people in the forests and citizens' service ministries, citing budget challenges in the coming year.

It's the second round of provincial government job cuts since the Liberal government announced a record budget deficit last fall. Last September, 106 government jobs were cut through attrition, employee transfers and a hiring freeze.

The layoffs come at a particularly difficult time for the B.C. forests industry as the signs of economic recovery are showing little impact in the province's hard-hit forest sector.

The pine beetle epidemic, the economic downturn in the United States and low pulp prices have crippled what was once British Columbia's economic engine, generating $4 billion in government revenue annually. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cost-of-living raises for B.C. MLAs frozen

POLITICS British Columbia MLAs will not receive their annual cost-of-living pay adjustment for the next two years, the premier said yesterday. Gordon Campbell blamed budget challenges for freezing the pay of the provincial politicians.

"The global economic downturn is still having a major impact on government revenues," Campbell said. "In recognition of the progress made to date with public-sector agreements already announced that provide for no wage increases for the next two years, the Province has decided to suspend the cost-of-living compensation for MLAs."

In addition, all members of cabinet will continue to forgo 10 per cent of their ministerial compensation until the province returns to balanced budgets.

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News in brief

SHELTERS Vancouver's seven emergency shelters are operating at capacity, the city said yesterday. The newest shelter on West 4th Avenue in Kitsilano reached its 40-person capacity on Tuesday night. There are 500 temporary emergency beds available under the city's 2010 Winter Response Program until April 30.

ABDUCTION A public warning was issued by Vancouver police yesterday after the attempted abduction of an 11-year-old boy. A man described as overweight and in his 60s, between five-foot-seven and five-foot-10, allegedly tried to grab the boy, who ran away to get help from a neighbour.

SFU Andrew Petter, a former MLA and cabinet minister in British Columbia, has been named president of Simon Fraser University. Petter is a former law dean at the University of Victoria.

PLATES More than 175,000 special edition 2010 Winter Games licence plates have been sold in B.C. The plate features a scene from Mount Garibaldi Park, which is 13 kilometres north of Squamish.

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Quebec couple shot in Mexico recovering

A Quebec couple is recovering in hospital after being shot during a robbery attempt in Mexico, CBC News Online reports. The couple, who were staying in the Pacific resort town of Ixtapa north of Acapulco, were cycling outside the hotel zone Tuesday when armed men tried to rob them, police said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

Ontario's top cop served summons

Ontario's top police officer has been served with a summons over an allegation he influenced or attempted to influence municipal officials. Ontario Provincial Police Commissioner Julian Fantino, left, confirmed that he received a summons yesterday and says he intends to vigorously defend himself. Activist Gary McHale alleges that the commissioner sent an email in 2007 telling the mayor and councillors in Caledonia, Ont., not to attend McHale's rallies. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Feds to speed up Haitian adoptions

But immigration restrictions to remain

Haiti Crisis

Canada will speed some adoptions of Haitian children following last week's disastrous earthquake, but it won't loosen immigration restrictions to accommodate others escaping the chaos.

Officials will expedite adoptions that were already underway and had received preliminary approvals before the 7.0-magnitude quake struck Jan. 12, Immigration Minister Jason Kenney said yesterday.

The federal government has tapped provincial authorities for lists of Haitian adoptions and it is consulting Haitian authorities on "fast-tracking" their foreign-adoption approval process, Kenney said.

About 100 adoption cases had been identified and all prospective parents were to be contacted by noon yesterday.

Once the Haitian government confirms the status of individual cases, Kenney said he's directed his officials to issue temporary resident permits — "an extraordinary measure" — to allow qualified Haitian children to enter Canada as quickly as possible.

"Regular processing fees will be waived and the federal government will cover health costs until they can be covered under provincial programs," Kenney said.

Ottawa is sending additional staff to Port-au-Prince to help with adoption cases and other immigration files, and it has set up an office in the neighbouring Dominican Republic.

"We are working urgently with the provinces to identify all of the relevant adoption cases that we can act on," Kenney said.

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Toronto **Protesters rally against prorogation**

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Protesters demonstrating against the prorogation of Parliament gather outside the building where Prime Minister Stephen Harper attended a roundtable meeting in Toronto yesterday.

Haitian-born cops head home

Haiti Crisis

Civilians

- The Montreal officers are going as civilians because they have not yet been called upon by the UN for their services.

MONTREAL A contingent of Haitian-born Montreal police officers is hitting the streets in quake-ravaged Port-au-Prince armed only with an unshakeable will to do whatever they can to help.

The group, which arrived yesterday, isn't wearing their uniforms or carrying their sidearms because their presence as police officers hasn't been formally requested by the United Nations, which is co-ordinating relief efforts.

The officers, accompanied by Montreal police Chief Yvan Delorme, are part of a group of 100 people travelling on a humanitarian mission to the Caribbean country, where an estimated 200,000 people were killed by a massive earthquake last week.

Most of the 18 officers are Haitian-born and some haven't yet heard what happened to their own families. But Delorme said the group is well connected in that country and hoping to make an impact in any way possible.

Delorme, who is not Haitian but who has visited the country, is leading the mission code-named Koudmen — Creole for helping hand.

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Jacmel becoming hub of disaster relief effort

ASSISTANCE The coastal town of Jacmel is abuzz with activity as its tiny airport is being turned into a new point of entry for disaster relief, bypassing the supply bottleneck in the Haitian capital.

Jacmel — the backdrop for many of Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean's childhood memories in Haiti — is becoming a regional hub for the delivery of aid to earthquake victims along the southern coast of Haiti.

"Canada is starting to ferry troops in through Jacmel airport because the PaP (Port-au-Prince) airport is so congested," Col. Bruce Ewing of the Canadian Forces said yesterday.

"This is becoming an alternate way in for Canadians to move not just to Jacmel but throughout the country," he said. "This is going to be a hub for Canadian Forces personnel."

The airstrip is small, making it a challenge for large planes to land. Still, a seemingly endless stream of aircraft was using the airport.

Even a Canadian military Hercules transport landed with personnel and equipment for the Disaster Assistance Response Team, or DART, although it was apparently not fully loaded to ensure that it could safely use the undersized runway.

Jacmel city has between 50,000 and 70,000 people; the greater Jacmel region has a total population of 120,000.

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Company waives long-distance fees

HAITI A Quebec telecommunications company has waived all long-distance fees to those desperately attempting to reach loved ones in Haiti, though no other phone providers in Canada have followed suit.

Vidéotron, a Montreal-based landline provider, will waive all fees on calls made to Haiti from the moment the 7.0-magnitude quake hit, and will continue until Feb. 12.

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Feeling constrained?

Irish bishops summoned to Vatican

Ireland's Roman Catholic bishops are being summoned next month to a Vatican summit with Pope Benedict XVI to shape the pontiff's response to child-abuse scandals. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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World

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People try to stay in line to get disaster relief supplies at U.S. Army 82nd Airborne Division's base in Port-au-Prince yesterday.

Aftershock rocks Haiti

Haiti Crisis

A powerful aftershock sent Haitians screaming into the streets yesterday, collapsing buildings, cracking roads and adding to the trauma of a nation stunned by an apocalyptic quake eight days ago.

The magnitude-5.9 jolt matched the strongest of the aftershocks that have followed the huge quake of Jan. 12 that devastated Haiti's capital of Port-au-Prince.

The new temblor collapsed seven buildings in Petit-Goave, the seaside town closest to the epicentre, according to Mike Morton of the UN Disaster Assessment and Coordination agency, but there were no reports of people crushed or trapped, perhaps because the earlier quake frightened most people into sleeping outside.

Wails of terror erupted in Port-au-Prince, where the aftershock briefly interrupted rescue efforts amid the broken concrete of collapsed buildings, and prompted doctors and patients to flee the University Hospital.

Hundreds of thousands of Haitians remain homeless, hungry and in mourning — most still waiting for the benefits of a nearly $1 billion US global aid campaign that has brought hundreds of doctors and thousands of troops to the impoverished Caribbean nation.

The U.S. Navy's floating hospital, USNS Comfort, dropped anchor in view of the capital yesterday with about 550 medical staff, joining teams from about 30 other countries trying to treat the injured. About 250,000 people were hurt in the quake and aid groups say many people have died for lack of medical care or adequate equipment.

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Tax deductions

- The U.S. House of Representatives has passed a bill allowing for faster tax breaks for U.S. donors to Haiti earthquake relief efforts. Under current law, donors would have to wait until they file their 2010 returns next year to take the deductions.

News in brief

CHINA A leading human rights group said yesterday that China openly harasses, targets and arbitrarily detains critics, disbars lawyers to silence complaints and detains petitioners in secret jails. Along with criticism of China, Human Rights Watch also said Western governments have gone soft on efforts to hold Beijing accountable for its record. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Tension over blacklists and long memories are roiling Iraqi politics, and the U.S. is dispatching Joe Biden to help. Scan this code for the story.

Democrats licking wounds

MASSACHUSETTS Chastened by the Democratic Senate loss in the state of Massachusetts, U.S. President Barack Obama and congressional allies signalled yesterday they will try to scale back his sweeping health care overhaul in an effort to at least keep parts of it alive.

A simpler, less ambitious bill emerged as an alternative only hours after the loss of the party's crucial 60th Senate seat forced the Democrats to slow their all-out drive to pass Obama's top domestic priority and reconsider all options.

The 60-vote Senate Democratic majority is needed to overcome Republican procedural obstacles aimed at defeating the legislation.

No decisions have been made, lawmakers said, but they laid out a new approach that could still include these provisions: limiting the ability of insurance companies to deny coverage to people with medical problems, allowing young adults to stay on their parents' policies, helping small businesses and low-income people pay insurance premiums and changing government health care for the elderly to encourage payment for quality care instead of sheer volume of services.

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Death toll rises to 10 as floods ravage Sinai Desert

Three more Egyptians died in flooding in the southern Sinai Desert yesterday, bringing the toll for three days of unseasonably heavy rains to 10, a health official said. Meanwhile, Bedouins angry the government was downplaying their losses clashed with security forces in South Sinai. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

How many died?

B.C. group questions toll in Congo conflict

Death comes easy in the Congo, but just how accurate are the fatal figures?

The Congo conflict has been dubbed the world's deadliest since the Second World War, causing 5.4 million deaths.

But a research group is challenging those figures.

The figure of 5.4 million deaths since 1998 was publicized by the International Rescue Committee, a private relief agency.

The UN Security Council cited IRC's figures when it decided to raise a peacekeeping force for Congo, which has grown to more than 20,000 troops.

But a new review released yesterday says the statistics themselves are questionable.

> **"In Congo, people were already dying in higher numbers."**
> Joshua Goldstein

The Human Security Report project at Simon Fraser University in B.C. found two major problems with the IRC's 2000 study:

- The Human Security Report rejected the interview-based sampling that was done in dangerous eastern Congo regions, arguing that the areas were not representative.
- It also questioned the figure the IRC used for the "normal" mortality rate in Congo. The IRC used the average mortality rate for sub-Saharan Africa, but some experts argue Congo's rate was higher even before the conflict.

"In Congo, people were already dying in higher numbers than in the rest of Africa, even before the war. And they continued to die in higher numbers after the war," said professor emeritus Joshua Goldstein of American University.

He estimates one million to two million Congolese died as a result of the conflict. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kandahar City **Smiles amid the conflict**

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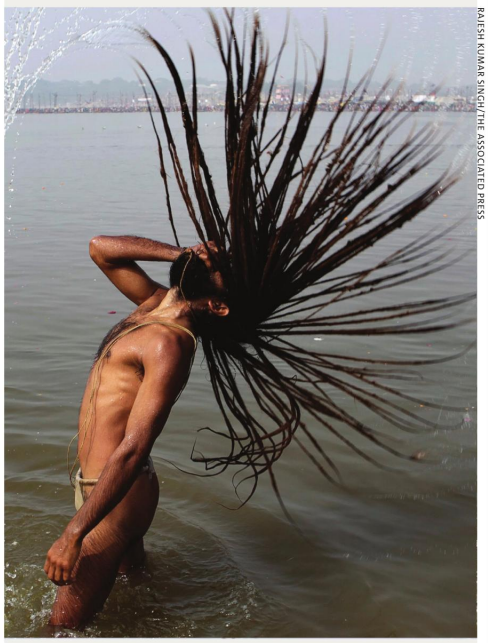
Cpl. Stephanie Lanning from Clinton, Ark., of the 293rd Military Police Company out of Fort Stewart, Ga., meets Afghan girls during an information gathering operation in Kandahar City, southern Afghanistan yesterday.

India **Making holy waves**



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A Hindu holy man takes a dip at Sangam, the confluence of the Ganges and Yamuna rivers, on the day of Basant Pachami during the month-long Magh Mela in Allahabad, India, yesterday. Hundreds of thousands of devout Hindus bathe over 30 days to rid themselves of their sins and attain prosperity.

Nigerian violence kills over 200

AFRICA Charred bodies with scorched hands reaching skyward lay in the streets and a mosque with blackened minarets smouldered yesterday after several days of fighting between Christians and Muslims killed more than 200 people.

Sectarian violence in the central region of Nigeria has left thousands dead over the past decade, and the latest outbreak that began Sunday came despite the government's efforts to quell religious extremism.

The city of Jos was mostly calm yesterday, though terrified civilians kept indoors while soldiers patrolled the streets. The city is situated in Nigeria's "middle belt," where dozens of ethnic groups mingle in a band of fertile and hotly contested land separating the Muslim north from the predominantly Christian south.

There are conflicting accounts about what unleashed the bloodshed.

13,500

Estimated number of Nigerians killed in sectarian violence since 2001

According to the state police commissioner, skirmishes began after Muslim youths set a Christian church ablaze, but Muslim leaders denied that. Other community leaders say it began with an argument over the rebuilding of a Muslim home in a mainly Christian neighbourhood.

Corinne Dufka, West Africa researcher at Human Rights Watch, said what caused the latest spark was beside the point.

The deeper problem, she said, is the government's failure to address underlying conflict in the region. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Terror syndicate a threat, says Gates

WAR A syndicate of terror groups affiliated with al-Qaida might try to start a new war between India and Pakistan as part of an organized effort to sow upheaval across South Asia, U.S. Defence Secretary Robert Gates warned yesterday.

"I believe this operation, under the umbrella of al-Qaida working with all of these different groups, is intended to destabilize not just Afghanistan, or not just Pakistan, but potentially the whole region," Gates said.

Gates described the relations between Taliban groups and Lashkar-e-Taiba extremists accused of orchestrating the 2008 terror attack on the Indian city of Mumbai.

And he suggested the Pakistan-based militants might try a new terror assault on India to provoke a reprisal.

U.S. officials say one of their greatest fears is that Islamic militants who oppose the popularly elected governments in both India and Pakistan will find a way to get the nuclear-armed rivals fighting one another instead of the militants.

> **"I believe this operation ... is intended to destabilize ... the whole region."**
> Robert Gates

Gates praised his Indian hosts for restraint following the three-day terror siege of Mumbai, which India immediately blamed on militants inside Pakistan.

There were no reprisals, and Pakistan has charged seven men. Yet it might not be the same next time, Gates said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Police find explosives cache in home where bodies found

CARNAGE Bomb technicians discovered a "multitude" of explosives yesterday at the home of a man suspected in the shooting deaths of eight people.

Crews detonated the devices as more details about the gunman came to light.

Christopher Bryan Speight, a 39-year-old security guard, surrendered to police at daybreak after leading authorities on an 18-hour manhunt following the shootings at a house in rural central Virginia.

In the house, deputies found a mortally wounded man and seven dead bodies.

Speight had no weapons when he surrendered shortly after 7 a.m. wearing a bulletproof vest over a black fleece jacket, camouflage pants and mud-caked boots. Neither the sheriff nor police would disclose what Speight said.

Speight, who was jailed while awaiting charges, co-owned and lived in the home where some of the bodies were found.

Neighbour Monte W. Mays said Speight's mother deeded the house to Speight and his sister in 2006, shortly before she died of brain cancer.

Mays said Speight was a good neighbour.

They waved as they passed each other on the road and sent their dogs out to play with one another, Mays said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

GREECE Dozens of prostitutes, most using headscarves or hoods to hide their faces, demonstrated in central Athens yesterday, demanding working licences for brothels across Greece. Prostitution is legal in Greece, and sex workers have personal permits to exercise their profession. But they can only do that by walking the streets, not using brothels. "We are here to put an end to our hardship and degradation," said Dimitra Kanellopoulou, president of Greece's sex workers' association. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Errors found in report on glaciers

CLIMATE CHANGE Five glaring errors were discovered in one paragraph of the world's most authoritative report on global warming, forcing the Nobel Prize-winning panel of climate scientists who wrote it to apologize and promise to be more careful. The errors are in a 2007 report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, a UN-affiliated body. The mistakes open the door for more attacks from climate change skeptics. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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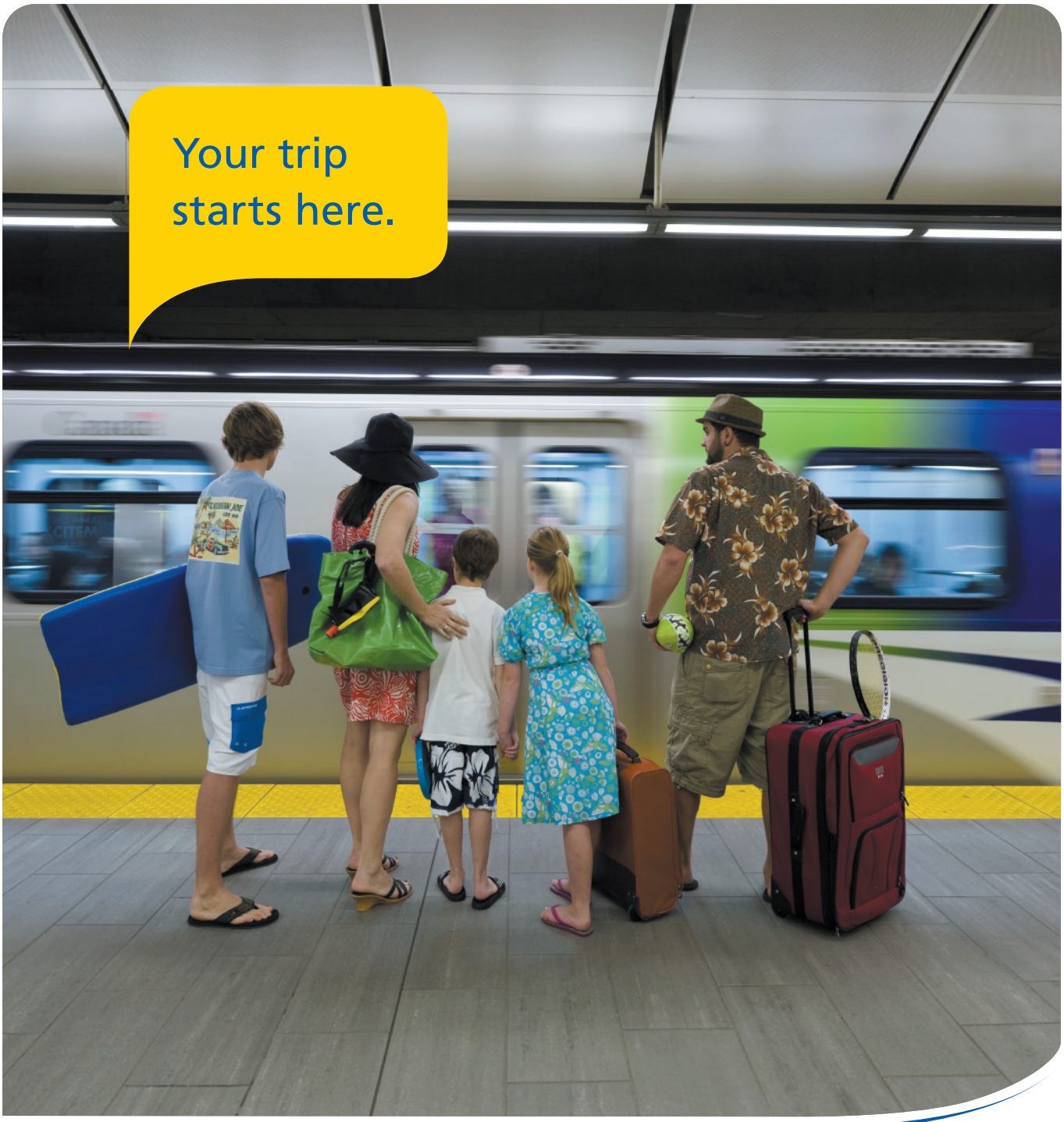
PASSAGES Environmental group Sierra Club has named its first new leader in 18 years — an activist who once took over the intercom of a Home Depot to tell customers not to buy lumber from ancient forests. Michael Brune, 38, replaces Carl Pope in March. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Marriage – main cause of divorce

Relating

Is marriage good for you? The research continues. In San Francisco, the U.S. federal court hearing on California's Proposition 8, which prohibits same-sex marriage in the state, has heard expert testimony that significant health benefits accrue to married people relative to singletons, and the ban is putting gay people at greater risk of depression, suicide and substance abuse.

An economist also outlined the fiscal benefits for the cash-strapped state of letting gay couples marry, including increased consumer spending, school funding and tax revenue.

Meanwhile, a new analysis of U.S. census data by the Pew Research Center claims marriage is an excellent economic deal for men, whose income outstrips those who don't marry.

This is a change from 40 years ago, when a stigma, and vastly inferior salaries, greeted working wives. So married men typically took a financial hit relative to bachelors. Now, women have more education and make more money, often more money than the mister. What's in it for women now? Good question.

Some married people, I find, sell the joys of conjugality a little too hard, encouraging any couples who have been dating longer than a year to follow them to Hitchville post haste.

And then there are those who have taken an interest in the institution in general, like the Institute of Marriage and the Family Canada, which decried a recent "Divorce Fair" in Halifax, an event that put prospective splitters in touch with lawyers, life coaches and other professionals.

Institute spokesperson Andrea Mrozek lamented the haste with which couples now contemplate divorce instead of sticking it out, and accused the divorce fair of "capitalizing on moments of difficulty or despair in people's lives."

Personally, I don't knock marriage, but neither am I likely to try it. While it seems to work swimmingly for some people, contribute to healthier, happier lives and all that, it remains the leading cause of divorce.

Steve Collins offers his best guesses on relationships for Metro every two weeks.

Views

Sizing up fashion's plus-size model obsession

FourthWave

Fashion is a contentious cultural beast to wrestle with — its idealizing of the female shape is the source of disordered eating and insecurity, but it's an economic powerhouse that is dominated by women as well. It's difficult for me to reconcile fashion's simultaneously destructive and creative capacity.

So it piqued my interest when I saw photos from V Magazine's "Size Issue," which hit stands last week.

The whole issue sounds a lot like an after-school special: We love you — you average woman that measures size 12 — even with your lumps, bumps, creases and cellulite. Perhaps, however, what the rest of us need is not a condescending pat on the head in a solitary magazine issue, but some acknowledgement the fashion world is out of step with reality, and perhaps an act of contrition by changing that.

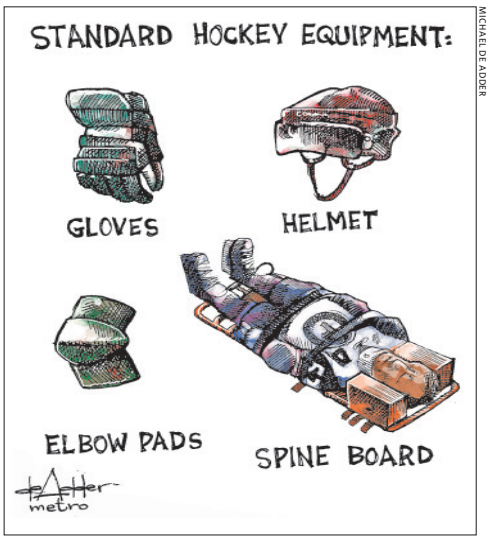
Rightly or wrongly, magazines and designers influence women's psyches and sartorial choices — and as the saying goes, with power comes responsibility. Size 0 models shouldn't be mandated to pack on the pounds, but they should reflect the breadth of our hips, butts and breasts.

The fashion industry does itself a disservice by not reflecting a range of body types — in fact, a 2006 British study found that average-sized models were just as effective at selling products as their skinny counterparts.

Are these inclusive gestures as token as the models they choose? And why bother integrating them into the fashion world if all they're going to do is highlight how different they are?

As long as "plus-size" models are ghettoized in a special "Size Issue" and made an exception to the rule, the fashion industry and the women who follow it will never get over their complex of seeing fat as an aberration.

Canice Leung is a former editor of Ryerson University feminist magazine McClung's, copy editor at Metro, ardent feminist and loudmouth.



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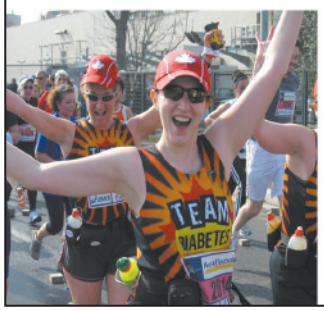

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INFLATION Canadian inflation remained a tame 1.3 per cent in December, taking the steam out of the loonie's recent surge and giving the Bank of Canada even less reason to move off historically low interest rates.

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The next generation of marketing yourself

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Catharine Fennell

"We're selling a concept that allows people to plug their personal message into a video medium that wasn't accessible or affordable before," she said. The basic price, she adds, is $299.

Now, Fennell's company has added authors to its list of clients. The company has signed a deal with book publisher Harper Collins Canada to produce video bios to go with their author releases this year.

For now, Fennell is operating out of two studios, one in Toronto, and the other in New York. But she has plans to roll out more locations across North America, she says.

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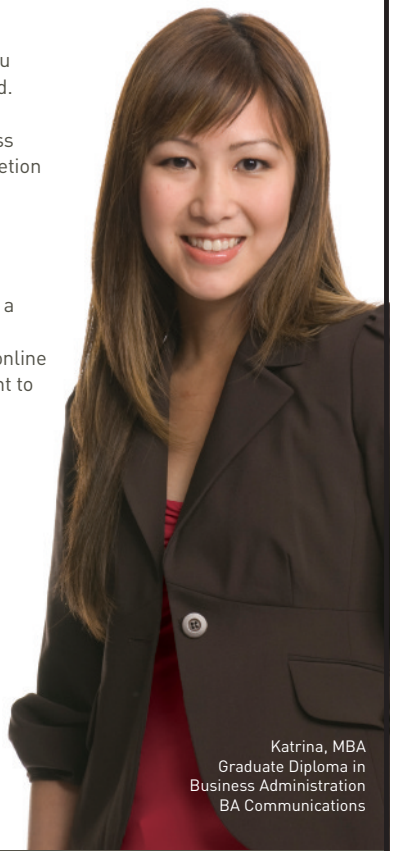
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"We really see RBC Direct Investing as a partnership — we don't leave investors on their own. We recognize that our role is to help investors build confidence in their portfolios to meet their financial goals."
Jason Storsley

"The profile of your average online investor has really changed over the last five years. It used to be mostly male investors just looking for the best stock prices, now there is a much wider range of people looking to secure their financial futures online," Storsley said.

The proof is in the numbers which show a sharp rise in the number of new investors flocking online to sites like rbcdirectinvesting.com.

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"We've done a lot around helping our clients improve their financial literacy and investment knowledge. Investors are looking for more than just low cost — they're looking for tools and education so they can be confident that the decisions they're making are the right ones," Storsley said.

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Davydenko advances
Nikolay Davydenko continued his stellar play and advanced to the third round of the Australian Open with a 6-3, 6-3, 6-0 win over Illya Marchenko. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

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Edmonton's Robert Nilsson crashes into the Vancouver's Christian Ehrhoff, left, and goalie Roberto Luongo during last night's action.

Sedins lead way in win

NHL RESULTS

Canucks 3 **Oilers** 2 (OT)

VS

Daniel Sedin scored the overtime winner and added two assists as the Vancouver Canucks handed the Edmonton Oilers their ninth consecutive loss, 3-2, last night.

Down 2-1, the Canucks were able to tie it up on a 4-on-3 advantage with just 4:06 remaining as Sami Salo leaned into a blast from the point that beat Edmonton starter Devan Dubnyk and sent the game to extra time.

The Canucks only needed 1:39 to capture the win on another power play, as Henrik Sedin made a perfect pass to Daniel Sedin on the doorstep for an easy tap in.

Alex Burrows also scored and Henrik Sedin had three assists for the Canucks.

Sam Gagner and Sheldon Souray replied for the Oilers, who have only one win in their last 17 games and are in the midst of their worst losing streak since a since a 12-game skid from Feb. 25 to March 21, 2007.

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Silver for McIvor
Canada's Ashleigh McIvor won a silver medal at the skicross World Cup yesterday. She finished behind Marte Hoeie Gjefsen of Norway in the final at Blue Mountain in Collingwood, Ont. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Vancouver Games

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Plenty of snow in Whistler

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Whistler's Olympic Park is all ready to welcome athletes, three weeks before competition starts.

Unlike Cypress Mountain, which has been cursed with a lack of snow, the biathlon circuit has twice the amount it needs and planners are expecting more snowfall before the Games start, said John Alder, general manager of Whistler Olympic Park.

"We are ready at all the competition areas," Alder said yesterday. "They are being groomed daily."

The Park will host 28 medal events in biathlon, cross-country skiing and ski jumping, the first time in Olympic history all three events will be held at one venue.

John Heilig, ski jump manager, said the venue has 32 pipes with coolants running under the snow, keeping it cold in the warm, damp weather.

"The fog isn't an issue," he said. "Our biggest challenge would be really heavy snowfall."

Whistler's athletes' village is also in its "finishing touches" phase, with housekeeping staff working on putting sheets on beds and kitchen crews prepping the dining hall, which will serve 11,000 meals a day.

"This is a very exciting time for us," said Tim Morrison, general manager of Whistler Village. "(In a matter of weeks), this will be the home of the world's best athletes."

KRISTEN THOMPSON/METRO CANADA

John Heilig, ski jump manager, stands at the base of the ski jump venue yesterday at the Whistler Olympic Park. Heilig said the venue is ready for athletes, three weeks before the Games begin.

McKeever on verge of history

HINTS DROPPED Brian McKeever wasn't ready to celebrate yet, but Canada's cross-country ski federation strongly hinted yesterday that the visually impaired skier from Canmore, Alta., will make history as the first winter-sport athlete to compete in both an Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Cross Country Canada issued a release stating the complete Olympic team will be announced tomorrow in Canmore. The organization all but announced McKeever's appointment to the team by saying "the contingent of athletes will include the world's first winter-sport athlete who will compete in the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games in the same year."

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Based on a 50-year-old design and handmade in Czech Republic, the Encased Amber Flute is a deeply golden flower held in place between a slim stem and a ridged, mouth-blown bowl, while this Backyard Champagne Flute is handmade in Poland. Anthropologie, both $19.35, anthropologie.com.

Homes in **Style**

Drinks on us!

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for Metro Canada

Dirty Martini, Cosmopolitan — the very thought can make one smack their lips in anticipation.

Mix in chic decor, a bartender in the know, and a lively mix of people, and you've got yourself a cocktail party.

Celebrity designer and trend expert Marc Atiyolil said a cocktail party's decor should be carefully chosen to create the desired mood.

"A 'back to nature' colour scheme using white and lime green paired with shades of brown is quite popular," said Atiyolil, editor-in-chief of Canadian Home Trends magazine.

"Too little colour makes it look plain and boring and too much colour will look like you are hosting a party for your 5 year old. Opt for two to three colours that work well together and your place will exude a stylish yet sophisticated look."

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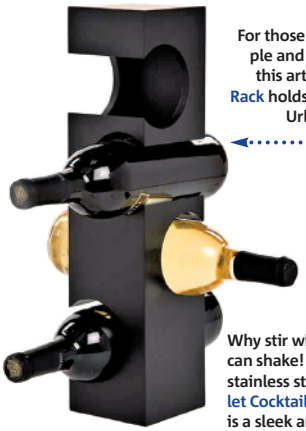
The EZ Pull 6-Drink Server is a stainless steel six-head dispenser with chrome finishing and a suction base for sturdy balance that rotates easily. With a spill and leak proof push-up pouring mechanism, it can be used for 750ml or 1l bottles. Canadian Tire, $49.99, canadiantire.ca.



For those who like to keep things simple and not take up too much space, this artistic and abstract Level Wine Rack holds 4 bottles in perfect balance. Urban Barn, $40, urbanbarn.ca.

Why stir when you can shake! The stainless steel Bullet Cocktail Shaker is a sleek and stylish way to shake up a martini. Holds 22oz. Urban Barn, $32, urbanbarn.ca.

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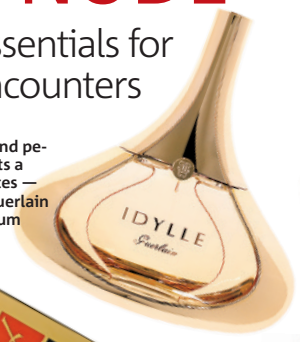
IT'S NUDE

Bare esssentials for close encounters

Heady This rose and peony fragrance casts a spell in five minutes — make that two. Guerlain Idylle Eau de Perfum Spray ($104 for 50mL, guerlain.com)



Be mine Underneath it all. Club Monaco Pearls on Chiffon necklace ($59, clubmonaco.com)

What lie beneath Isn't that a sexy thought? Double-breasted trench, Mango ($170, Mango.com)

Hold me close The tools of seduction deserve the perfect purse. Ruched clutch, Jenny Bird ($360, jenny-bird.com)

STUDIO ANDRE DOYON

Second skin This nail polish is worthy of its own love story. YSL La Laque in Beige Chiffon ($24, at Holt Renfrew, Murale and the Bay)

Flash and lace The look of love. Underwear, La Senza (So Free Bra, $39.50; Ooh La Lace panties, $12.50, lasenza.com)

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Cowell inks $500M deal with Sony

Simon Cowell has signed a $500 million US deal with Sony. The two-year contract with the entertainment giant will see him rake in the staggering sum — expected to tip his fortunes close to the $1 billion mark. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Entertainment

Grammy tribute

In an unprecedented move, this year's Grammys will pay homage to Michael Jackson in a tribute that will include a 3-D film clip the pop sensation made before his June 25 death. PEOPLE.COM

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Crazy Heart, but sensible sound

Crazy **Heart**

Album: Crazy Heart Soundtrack
Label: New West/Universal
Rating: ●●●½

IT'S A GIVEN that a movie about a washed up country singer would have an excellent soundtrack. Especially if the music is supervised by T-Bone Burnett. Crazy Heart's soundtrack is loaded with fantastic songs by legendary artists — Hello Trouble by Buck Owens, Are You Sure Hank Done It This Way by Waylon Jennings, If I Needed You by Townes Van Zandt — but it's the original music sung by Jeff Bridges, Colin Farrell and Robert Duvall that really make this an interesting disc. Bridges' gruff voice on the bluesy country tune Hold on Now is a must hear.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Spoon

Album: Transference
Label: Merge
Rating: ●●●●

WHEN A BAND comes perilously close to mainstream success, as Spoon did with its last disc, the group can go one of two ways: Play to the masses or retreat. Britt Daniel's latest falls somewhere in between. The band's new stripped down sound is immediately apparent on the first listen.

Jeff Bridges stars as a washed up country singer in Crazy Heart.

It's sparse, the choruses and verses aren't as distinct, and the group stays mostly mellow throughout. But, on closer inspection, the hooks that propelled the band forward the last few years are still there. It's still clean, refreshing pop and proves that increasing fame hasn't changed the band.

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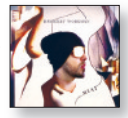
Hawksley **Workman**

Album: Milk & Meat
Label: Six Shooter/Warner
Rating: ●●●



HAWKSLEY WORKMAN has nearly done it all. He's taken on folk music, brash mainstream pop, laid-back rock and now he tackles grungy sounds and electro-pop dance on his latest releases. Meat & Milk isn't really a double disc — the former is getting physical distribution, while the later is a digital release — but it's still billed as a double disc. Meat is the mellower, lo-fi of the two — Song for Sarah Jane is a haunting piano ballad — while Milk is an upbeat club-friendly record. Both are pretty good — they show off Workman's diverse songwriting skills — but Milk is more fun.

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Album**Reviews**

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Ringo **Starr**

Album: Y Not
Label: Universal
Rating: ●●●

A BEATLE DESERVES the best and Ringo gets it from an all-star cast of collaborators that includes Ben Harper, Joe Walsh, Van Dyke Parks, Dave Stewart, Gary Wright, Richard Marx, Don Was, Joss Stone and, of course, Paul McCartney. At 69, Ringo takes over production duties for the first time in his long career, as well as much of the song writing. Some of the compositions seem a tad ham-handed or contrived (Peace Dream — his tribute to John Lennon — in particular), but the album is carried by the Beatle drummer's unflappable charm and good nature. Standouts include Ringo's duets with Sir Paul (Walk With You) and Joss Stone (Who's Your Daddy). Beatle fans will enjoy Ringo's nostalgic The Other Side of Liverpool. This is Ringo's best effort since the '70s.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

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The Deep End

Call it "L.A. Law: The Next Generation." The lives of five rookie lawyers at a prestigious Los Angeles firm are the meat of this new drama series from David Hemingson ("How I Met Your Mother") and Jan Nash ("Without a Trace"). Between trying to resolve their ideals and the reality of the job, they've also got some interesting office politics to navigate. Matt Long, Leah Pipes, Ben Lawson, Tina Majorino and Mehcad Brooks star. 8 PM on ABC

The Office

Memory Lane? Right this way. In the new episode "The Banker," a potential buyer shows interest in Dunder Mifflin, which has Michael, Dwight, Andy and Pam (Steve Carell, Rainn Wilson, Ed Helms, Jenna Fischer) turning themselves inside out to impress him with their high-profile connections. The visit also provides an occasion for Michael to reminisce about all the times the staff has shared. Flashbacks ensue. 6 PM on STR

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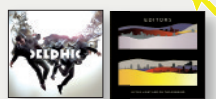

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Scallops with risotto ($24).

There is much to be said for restaurants that join with the Ocean Wise program in support of local, sustainable seafood. Not only is it better for the environment, the fish populations and the local people who make their living catching it, but it also tastes a damn sight better than the frozen fish sticks in aisle seven.

So it was with a happy sigh that I saw Fishworks open up in lower Lonsdale several months ago. The restaurant has been touting itself as a more reasonably-priced, yet still slightly upscale, alternative.

My first qualm came when we were seated at a tiny, round table for two that looked smaller than the tables at Starbucks. I noticed that the other tables in the room were well-spaced, and a large, bare expanse of floor was quite prominent. Plenty of space, I would think, for a slightly larger — and perhaps more angular — table.

We decided to share the prawn cocktail ($9) to start. I tend to steer clear of such dishes, as they are often overcooked and under-represented for the price point. But the price was excellent and the server's assurance that these were fresh, large specimens seduced us into giving them a try. I just wish I could say I enjoyed them.

The lobster bisque with crème fraîche ($7) was a huge improvement. A warm, generous, rich soup, heavily impregnated with the main ingredient and topped with a healthy dollop of cream, this was one of the best I've tasted in some time. The Dungeness crab cakes ($12) were not spectacular, but were nice enough, with little filler and the usual red pepper flavouring and crusted exterior. The basil aioli it was supposed to come with was nonexistent, but it could have been soaked up by the salad dressing (same one as in the cocktail).

Mains like the Qualicum Beach scallops with risotto ($24) were unremarkable. A healthy portion of plain grilled scallops topped something that was not creamy enough to be risotto, and the "crispy" bacon was decidedly limp. Lobster cannelloni ($18) were more about spinach than seafood, and the Queen Charlotte sablefish ($25), marinated in sake, was moist and flavourful, but the accompanying shitake mushrooms were underdone.

It's lovely to see a menu utilize so many local, sustainable and seasonal ingredients. It would be even lovelier if they were prepared with the same care that went into their selection.

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She's still holding out for her true love, Jack Daniels

Kate Moss would like to elope with Jamie Hince, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The supermodel reportedly received a proposal from The Kills rocker on her 36th birthday last Saturday but insisted she doesn't want to marry him yet. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

Celebrity Buzz

Lohan mom under fire again for bad parenting

AND IN OTHER NEWS, THE SKY IS BLUE AND JOHN MAYER IS ANNOYING Lindsay Lohan is allegedly abusing herself again, sources tell Radar Online. A suspicious red mark was spotted on the actress' arm as she headed to a party at the Chateau Marmont recently with mom Dina Lohan, and sources allegedly say it's proof that Lindsay is cutting — something she's been accused of in the past. "Why is Dina out partying with Lindsay when it's clear she's still cutting herself?" the source asks. "Dina should be getting Lindsay help, not following her to parties."

METRO WORLD NEWS

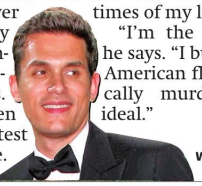
Mom of the year?

IS HER MAIDEN NAME LOHAN, BY ANY CHANCE? Anna Kournikova's mom allegedly left her five-year-old son at home alone in Palm Beach to run errands, during which time the boy fell or jumped out of a second-story window, according to WPTV in Florida. The boy was reportedly found crying, screaming and bleeding by neighbours.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Mayer confirms what we knew

STRAIGHT FROM THE DONKEY'S MOUTH John Mayer isn't proud of the way things ended with Jennifer Aniston, us-magazine.com reports. "I've never really gotten over it," he tells the latest issue of Rolling Stone. "It was one of the worst times of my life." "I'm the a—hole," he says. "I burned the American flag. I basically murdered an ideal."



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CelebTweets

JON FAVREAU wants to play dress-up, **PARIS HILTON** recognizes some of her family members in a movie, and **IVANKA TRUMP** demonstrates her business pedigree.

@Jon_Favreau Visited the Thor set. I would look cool in one of those costumes.
@ParisHilton Just finished watching 'Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles' the movie ha-ha
@IvankaTrump Drove by a car dealership w/ a huge sign saying "Our best deals of the year." It's Jan 19th, how good a deal can that be?

METRO WORLD NEWS

Amy sentenced to two years of 'good behaviour'

THEN THE COURTHOUSE ERUPTED INTO GALES OF LAUGHTER, THE JUDGE BOWED AND SAID, 'THANK YOU. I'LL BE HERE ALL WEEK.' Amy Winehouse has pleaded guilty to common assault and disorder, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer appeared in Milton Keynes Magistrates Court yesterday morning to answer charges relating to an incident last month, where she lashed out at a theatre manager after interrupting a performance with a foul-mouthed outburst.

The troubled star was given a two-year conditional discharge and ordered to pay more than $150 in costs and more than $200 in compensation to her victim.

Passing sentence, district judge Peter Crabtree said it was clear alcohol had played a massive part in the incident.

He said, "Mr. Pound is a person whose job involves interaction with the public. If he's assaulted he deserves the court's protection. In this case it's obvious that alcohol played its part."

The judge said he felt the sentence was appropriate because it would force the singer — who has a history of drug abuse problems — to maintain good behaviour. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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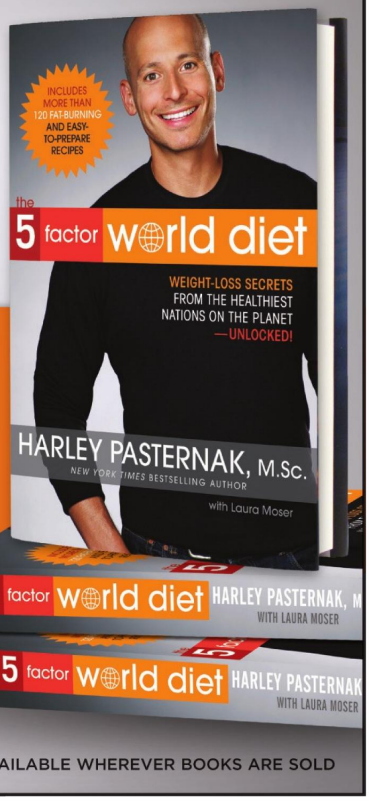
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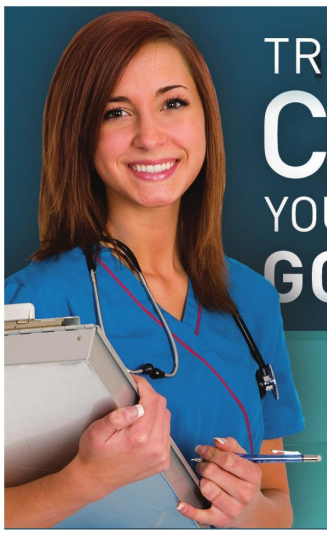

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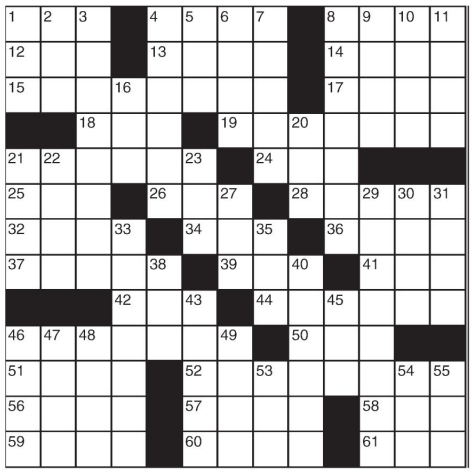

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45 "Go, team!"
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48 Top-notch
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53 Scooted
54 Anger
55 "Way cool!"

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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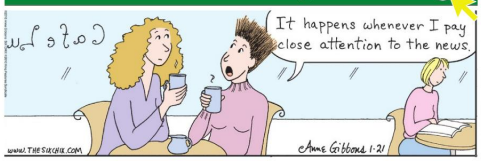

Metro Recipe of the Day

STEPHEN MACLEOD

Fresh Healthy Tomato Cabbage Soup

Submitted by Irene Leung, Port Dover, ON

INGREDIENTS:

1/4 wedge of cabbage (green or red)
2 fresh tomatoes
1 carton (1 litre) of chicken broth
1 Slice (1/8 inch thick) of fresh ginger
1 splash of hot sauce (optional)

METHOD:

1. Pour entire carton of chicken broth into a large saucepan and add a slice of ginger into it and bring to a boil.
2. While the broth is boiling, cut cabbage into 1/2 inch strips and cut tomatoes into wedges.
3. Put the cabbage, tomatoes and hot sauce (if using) into the hot broth and bring to a boil.
4. After it has been boiled, simmer for about 5-10 minutes until cabbage is tender and tomatoes have broken down in smaller chunks. You can add salt and pepper to taste if desired but I find the salt in the broth is enough.
5. Ladle soup, cabbage and tomatoes into bowls and serve piping hot with crackers or a slice of crusty bread.

SERVES 2-4

PREP TIME: 5 MINUTES
COOK TIME: 15 MINUTES

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
If you can't handle something alone then by all means ask for assistance. Friends and family will rally round if you ask them. So ask them.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
You will find it easier than ever to make a good impression, but don't try too hard — make it seem as if you are doing them a favour.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
The truth must be told and you are the one who must tell it. Don't be afraid to point out where the so-called experts are wrong.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Your attitude towards an issue that involves money, investments or property will harden today and you will refuse to make changes.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Spell out what it is you are going to be doing over the next few weeks and what it will mean not just for yourself but for other people too.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You must let certain people know that you do not exist merely for their convenience.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You will find the confidence to make changes today, and the sooner you start making them the sooner you will see the results that you long for.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Cosmic activity in the domestic area of your chart will make it easier for you to explain to others some of the actions.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
You will find it remarkably easy to get people to do what you ask of them today

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Forget about flattery, forget about threats — colleagues will respond best to facts and figures.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
There can be no more excuses for putting off things that should have been finished by now.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Solar and planetary activity in the most sensitive area of your chart means you must consciously and continually strive to stay cheerful.

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